For irrigation purposes, a separate department should be established and under it Village, Taluk, District and Central Irrigation Boards should be constituted. The head of the department should be the President of the Board and he should be bound by the opinion of the majority of the members of the Board.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai. Your representation refers to many roads and other means of communication in your taluk. You yourself concede that some of them have been taken up and partly finished; all that is now wanted is that the further progress of these works should be expedited. The Chief Engineer will be asked to expedite the works as far as possible.

As regards your other suggestions, they will all be considered—those which require investigation will be investigated and upon reports received, orders will be passed. I would only say just one word with regard to some of these matters. You said that all of them were items of work which could be taken up with very limited expenditure. I must say that at least one of the items, *viz.*, connecting the Varattar, the Manimala river and the Chakrasala *kadavu* is an item of work which could not be done without a large amount of money. Even though it is, on the face of it, a costly scheme, that too will be investigated.

There were representations by previous speakers about the Road Board. I have given them a reply with which, you said, you yourself agree. The suggestions that you have made as to the way in which the Road Board should be improved will be considered when the question of the revision of the constitution of the Board is taken up for consideration.

117. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. GOPALA PANIKKAR KRISHNA PANIKKAR (*Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) first spoke about the necessity for the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. From 1048 to 1098, there was a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. It was abolished in 1098, as a result of the separation of the Revenue and Magisterial functions. In consideration of the development in respect of education, traffic and commerce, witnessed by the taluk, it deserved to have the old Magistrate's Court restored to it. The people of the taluk were experiencing much inconvenience and hardships for want of the court. The subject was represented at many of the previous sessions of the Assembly, including the 26th session, when the Dewan replied that the matter was engaging the attention of the Government and that definite orders in the matter would issue before long.

The V. M. School for girls was at present housed in an old building without sufficient accommodation and ill-ventilated. The school building should be reconstructed. Further English should be introduced as an optional subject for the Vernacular School Leaving Examination, in the above school. This would make the institution more popular.

There was a ferry service at present in the Peringara river towards the west of the Municipal office. A bridge should be constructed at the place, as the people of the adjoining villages and a major portion of the student population found it very difficult and dangerous to cross the river during monsoon weather. Another bridge was also necessary at Muthoor, over the Tiruvalla market canal on the Muthoor-Mundankara Chira road. The Palliyilpalam bridge was in repairs and should be reconstructed immediately, in consideration of the traffic over it.

Lastly, the Tiruvalla market canal should be connected with the Peringol river, which would afford direct water communication with Alleppey. This would greatly assist the development of the Tiruvalla market. The new canal to be opened for this purpose would be only 5 or 6 furlongs long and the cost would not be prohibitive, as the major portion of the canal would be passing through paddy fields. The new canal would also remedy the present scarcity of water for bathing purposes, especially as the whole canal would be within municipal limits.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Panikkar. The first of your representations relates to the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. As I told you last time, this question is engaging the attention of Government and it will be more comprehensively considered in connection with the readjustment of the territorial jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Courts in the whole of the Quilon Division.

The question of reconstruction of the V. M. School for girls at Tiruvalla is under consideration. When I say that it is under consideration—the reply being the same that was given last year—you need not go away with the impression that, since that reply was given last year, nothing further has been done. The matter has been under consideration. The preliminaries have been gone through. Therefore do not be discouraged by getting the same reply as was given last year.

As regards the introduction of English as an optional subject, the necessity is not quite clear, since there are English schools near by.

So far as the bridges mentioned by you are concerned, the Peringara and Palliyilpalam bridges have been sanctioned. The Chief Engineer's report is awaited about the bridge at Muthoor. The question of opening a canal connecting the Tiruvalla market canal with the river system is one that has to be investigated. That question will be considered.

118. Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. ERAVI GANGADHARA KARTHA (*Shertallai taluk, Group I*) first referred to the disturbances at Shertallai in connection with the temperance movement. The member for Shertallai in the Legislative Council had brought to the notice of the Government the Police